

# State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

## Staff Recommendation for the 2018 Cycle February 28, 2018

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<b>School:</b>	<b>Cherokee Charter Academy</b>
<b>Attendance Zone:</b>	<b>Cherokee County School District, Bartow County School System, Cartersville City Schools, Pickens County Schools, Marietta City Schools, and Cobb County School District</b>
<b>Grade Levels:</b>	<b>K-8</b>
<b>Staff Recommendation:</b>	SCSC staff recommends that the renewal petition for Cherokee Charter Academy be <b>approved</b> by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a 5-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

### Rationale:

Cherokee Charter Academy (CCA) met the expectations established by the Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF). All evidence indicates that the school will continue to operate as a high-quality charter school consistent with the SCSC's mission and the educational goals of Georgia.

#### 1. Academic Performance

Cherokee Charter Academy met SCSC academic expectations as measured by the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) all years of its current charter term for which academic data is available when considering CCA's proposed amended attendance zone. CCA outperformed the comparison district in its proposed amended attendance zone (Cherokee County School District, Bartow County School System, Cartersville City Schools, Pickens County Schools, Marietta City Schools, and Cobb County School District) in all grade bands served utilizing a combination of the CCRPI Achievement, Progress, and Single Score measures.

#### 2. Financial Performance

Cherokee Charter Academy met standards all years of its current charter term for which data is available on the Financial portion of the CPF. On-site monitoring during the term revealed no significant deficiencies relating to financial performance. Audits were submitted in a timely manner prior to the established deadline and appear to demonstrate the school's ability to adequately manage cash and debt.

#### 3. Operational Compliance

Cherokee Charter Academy met standards on the Operational portion of the CPF in three out of four years for which data is available. On-site monitoring during the charter term revealed minimal findings and the school has a history of quickly remedying any identified deficiencies.

### Link to Petition and Related Materials:

View the petition for Cherokee Charter Academy [here](#).

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